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PLACE: RISOYHAMN

COUNTRY: NORWAY

Population: Few hundred

Province: Andøy in Nordland

Date of Observation: 18 Mar. '51

General Description:

Fishing and trans-shipment point for Andøy, northern most of Vesteraalen Islands. Strategic control of approaches to Harstad from the sea. Nearest point on island to mainland communication system.

Geographic Description:

Outlying islands of Vesteraalen and Archipelago, on inland side where north-south channel is at its narrowest.

Occupations:

| <u>Agricultural</u>       | <u>Fishing</u> | <u>Industrial</u>     |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Small. Some hay important | Important      | Limited fish packing. |

Natural Vegetation:

Trees, but tree line only few hundred feet high.

Land Forms and Geology:

While scenery is more rugged than that seen so far, much more subdued than that visible to northeast. Much evidence of glaciation, numerous marine terraces, etc.

Mining:

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Mainly fishing combined with some farming. Evidence of some military personnel from Sergeant and Captain

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SECURITY INFORMATIONClimate and WeatherTemperatures:  $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ 

Precipitation: None, but snow on ground

Clouds: One-tenth, sunny. Little wind.

Other: Fine and clear

Electric Power: Yes

Source:

Voltage:

Cycle:

Extent of Grid: Many rolls of N. K. (Norsk Kabel) cable stack on wharf.

Telephone Yes Telegraph Yes Radio        TV       

Link under sea to mainland (See sketch)

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Risoyhamn To: Local)Railway: None

Station:

Ballast:

Power :

Gauge :

Bridges:

Highways:Route No's : #800 north along coast for 30 kms. to Andenes. #802  
14 km. link with east of island. #803 link with south of  
Surface Type: island. No highway system across sound on Hinnøya.

Width Gravel ;

Seasonal Use: All season.

Underpass :

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Ferries: None

Location:

Tonnage :

Capacity:

Schedules:

Steamers:

Routing: Express steamer north and south  
Local steamers and motorboats.

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules: See Rutebok

Bus Routes:

All year, north to Andenes

Summer:

Winter:

Other Transportation:

None

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Title

Scale

Date

Publisher

None

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Guide and Other Books:

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Author</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Publisher</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
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PERSONAL DATA:Date of travel to this place: 18 Mar. '51 Arrived: 1210Starting Point: Sortland Departed: RisØyhamn  
1245

Distance traveled (in kms): \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicles Used: St. Svithun  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where stayed: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACTS:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>T.ph.</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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Photographs:

Purchased locally: None

Taken: General views of wharf, town and surroundings.  
Conditions - bright.

Sketches Made:

Location

Description

Wharf and town

Steamship route wharf and location  
of main houses.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

| <u>Type</u>                        | <u>No. of Workers</u> | <u>Products</u> | <u>Power</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Fish processing<br>on small scale. |                       |                 |              |

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## SEAPORTS:

General Comments:

Risøyhamn is a combined express steamer calling point and small fishing settlement.

Cargo Handling:Wharves:

| <u>Name:</u>             | <u>Location</u> | <u>Depth</u>                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Main Steamship Wharf     | Town            | 15 ft. much shallow water near |
| Fish quays further north |                 | Shallow water                  |

Lighters:

None

Cranes: None

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Tonnage</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
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Repair FacilitiesMachine Shops: NoneFoundries: "Dry docks: "Salvage gear: "Supplies AvailableWater YesCoal NoneProvisions SmallOil-Fuel Small quantitiesEngineering NoneDiesel Fuel " "Deck "

Harbor Information Approach of Svithun from south was within 50 ft. of shore although water there appeared shallow. Going north vessel went astern before going forward to starboard. Very shallow water to north covers large area and is marked by buoys. This whole region is comparatively shallow. See Norwegian coast handbook for details of intricate channel northward.

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